

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

Arizona Invasive Species Advisory Council

Thursday, September 6, 2007

Notice is hereby given to Members of the Arizona Invasive Species Advisory Council (Council) and the general public, that the Council will hold a meeting, open to the public, on Thursday, September 6, 2007 at 1:00 pm. pursuant to Executive Order 2007-07 at the **Arizona State Parks Board Room located at 1300 W. Washington, Phoenix, AZ 85007**. Public Comment will be taken; the order of the agenda may be changed to accommodate public comment. The Council will discuss and may vote to take action on the following matters:

Meeting begins at 1:00 p.m.

- 1. Roll Call of Arizona Invasive Species Advisory Council (Council) members and sign-in.**
- 2. Welcome & Introductions.**
- 3. Approval of Minutes.** The Council will be asked to approve the minutes from August 7, 2007.
- 4. Working Group reports (include timeline for milestones).** Leadership & Coordination and Research & Information Management working groups will report to the Council on the progress and status towards achieving deliverables outlined in the working group charters. Working Groups may identify requests for needed changes or modifications to their charters. If substantive changes are needed, the council may vote to modify charters. Presenters: Doug Witte (Co-lead: Leadership & Coordination; Dr. Kai Umeda (Lead: Research & Information Management).
- 5. Review and discuss a template Arizona Invasive Species Advisory Council information letter for Council members to disseminate to interested parties.** A letter was drafted for use by Council members to inform interested parties on the mandate of the Arizona Invasive species Advisory Council. The Council may vote to accept, reject or modify the proposed meeting structure and operation. Presenter: Marianne Meding
- 6. Dr. Catherine Thomas will provide an overview of the Southwest Exotic Plant Mapping Program (SWEMP) and the Southwest Exotic Information Clearinghouse (SWEPIC) Regional Database.** SWEMP is a regional data base of exotic plant distributions for the southwest (which consists of Arizona, New Mexico and Colorado Plateau portions of Utah and Colorado) designed to develop and distribute information on exotic plant species distributions, as well as to provide information on the status of exotic species distributions on the Colorado Plateau, and the greater southwest. Presenter: Dr. Catherine Thomas.
- 7. Dr. Barron Orr from the U of A. will present an overview of strategies on how to bridge the gap between geospatial technology and its potential users in the state of Arizona.** Dr. Orr's extension programming involves a precision approach to

natural resource management and agriculture. His research involves the application of remote sensing and other geospatial technologies on land use, land tenure, land degradation, natural resource management, and agricultural issues. Presenter: Dr. Barron Orr.

8. **Call to the Public.** Those persons wishing to speak should complete a speaker's card and present it to the facilitator. Comments will be limited to no more than three minutes. No discussion or action will be taken by the Council. Any items requiring further discussion of action will be included on a future Council meeting agenda.

9. Future agenda Items.

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The agenda may be revised and additional items may be added prior to the meeting as authorized by A.R.S. §38-431.02. In that event, an addendum to the agenda will be noticed and posted prior to the meeting at the Arizona Department of Administration. Agenda items not noticed for a specific time may be taken out of order.

Background materials provided to the Council members concerning public agenda items are available for public inspection on the Governor's Office Arizona Invasive Species Advisory Council Web site: <http://www.azgovernor.gov/ais/>, by contacting Marianne Meding, Arizona Game and Fish Department, 2221 W. Greenway Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85023 or Jeffrey Myers, Arizona Department of Agriculture, 1688 W. Adams, Phoenix, AZ 85007, and at the meetings.

The Council may go into executive Session for the purpose of obtaining legal advice from the Attorney General's Office on any of the above agenda items pursuant to A.R.S. §38-431.03(A)(3).

One or more members of the Council may appear and participate in the meeting telephonically or by other electronic means.

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